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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Counsel to the Director
FROM : John N. McMahon, Acting Deputy Director
for Administration
SUBJECT : Comments on SSC Recommendations

--Page 3/8. It would appear that there are too many people involved in passing upon a covert action program.

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--Page 3/8. The word "espionage" is all-encompassing and certainly our espionage operations should not be tabled in such a form.

--Page 4/13. Limit the size and sensitivity going before the group. There are too many CA projects to bring all of them before the group.

--Page 5/15. It inappropriate in protection of the individuals involved to bring before the NSC CI Committee the nature [redacted] if the word nature would reveal the individual. If not, then why bring before the group theory and generalities. Suggest delete the whole recommendation.

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--Page 6/16. Delete the word "sole."

--Page 13/28. To place CI in a single new agency strips the ability of the Agency to conduct a very critical aspect of its own safety and well-being. CI attention is an integral part of a positive operation and it is also an integral part of the protection and security of the Agency's personnel and organization. It cannot be separated.

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--Page 16/36. By whose standards do you determine what is a democratically elected foreign government?

--Page 17/38. Term "covert operations" is too broad. That means everything DDO does must be brought before the NSC Committee. Unreal.

--Page 19/42. The proposed reorganization of CIA we do not subscribe to. This could not be implemented without splitting asunder every mechanism in the Agency and could not be done without paying an exorbitant price in dollars and manpower, quo vadis, the DDS&T.

--Page 21/D. "Paid" relationship is too broad. If we ask an academician to travel for us someplace, we certainly should bear the expense involved.

--Page 25/62. Nature and content of liaison relationships might definitely scare away nations from collaborating with us. This past year has done little to encourage foreign nations that their secrets with us would be preserved. We submit that implementation of this paragraph would spell the death knell of all but the most casual arrangements we have.

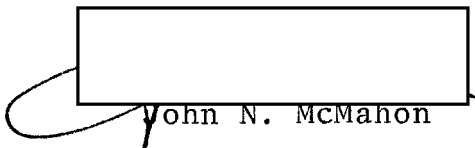
--Page 27/69. "Any info re violations of law" too broad a subject. Does it include parking tickets, speeding tickets, etc.?

--Page 27/69-70. What is the availability of libel suits by employees maligned by misunderstood information---particularly if his name is besmirched all the way to the hallowed halls of Congress.

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--Page 32/3. To give GAO all files and records may prove bothersome. Would recommend negotiate a compromise as to extensiveness of GAO audit.

--Page 34/A. To place investigations in one agency would be an undue burden for CIA if it were selected or strip CIA to assure for itself the integrity and suitability of its own employees. Reject the recommendation.


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